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SUBJ: MARINE FORCES RESERVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Ref: (a) Executive Order 13148 dtd 21 Apr 2000

1. The mission of Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) is to augment and reinforce active Marine forces in time of war, national emergency, contingency operations, provide personnel and operational tempo relief for the active forces in peacetime, and provide service to the community. Equipped and trained to the same rigorous standards as our active Marine forces, to include joint operations, Marine Forces Reserve will be trained and educated to the highest levels, and provide rapid response when called upon.

2. To best accomplish mission essential training, training environments and facilities must be sustained for continued use. To sustain these areas and assure their availability, MARFORRES Marines shall comply with all applicable Environmental Laws and conserve natural resources under their control. The integration of environmental considerations into planning enhances readiness by avoiding the inevitable costs in staff time and money that come with after the fact environmental consideration.

3. Major areas of MARFORRES Environmental Policy to implement the reference include the following:

a. Compliance: MARFORRES is mandated to meet or exceed all applicable Environmental Laws. Local commanders will recognize and continuously monitor both regulated and unregulated impacts.

b. Conservation: As agents of the Federal Government, MARFORRES will plan operations in a manner that will conserve our natural environment.

c. Pollution Prevention: As responsible stewards of DOD resources, MARFORRES will actively seek methods of operation that avoid pollution, reduce waste disposal, minimize environmental risk, and employ source reduction and other pollution prevention methods (P2) when practical.

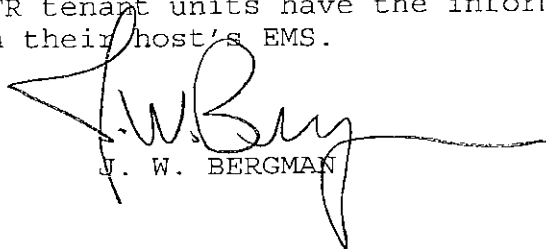
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d. Community Awareness and Out Reach: MARFORRES will identify community concerns and be proactive in developing local relationships. Local command staff will formalize (lease, LOA) use policy when training on non-DOD lands, assess potential for encroachment, and minimize event potential. Command staff will share information on environmental performance with the public and allow for community input.

4. Marine Forces Reserve shall employ a systematic management framework enable us to focus on significant Environmental aspects of our operations. The Environmental Management System (EMS) will assure these aspects are fully considered in our decisions and are managed in a manner that reduces risk to the mission and the environment.

5. The Environmental Management System will consist of the following efforts:

- a. Identification of operations and aspects that have environmental risk.
- b. Ranking of operations and aspects.
- c. Identification of regulations and procedures that govern our operations.
- d. Establishment, tracking, and review specific environmental performance goals.
- e. Commitment to reduce environmental impacts and consumption of natural resources at facilities and training sites.
- f. Implementation of a HQ level EMS that will serve as a detailed road map to assure compliance at our owned facilities and assures the local MFR tenant units have the information needed to participate in their host's EMS.


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